Increase in the grant for road upgradation projects

2062. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to extend 40 per cent grant to road projects for Nationwide road upgradation project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the projects to be undertaken in Orissa;

(d) whether it would be outside the purview of the on-going National Highway Development Project; and

(e) the body that would oversee the works to ensure transparency and timely completion of the works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) These have not been finalised.

(c) No stretches have been finalised.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Its too early to give any details since no final decision has been taken on this issue.

Roads in Madhya Pradesh

2063. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the road length per thousand of square kilometres in Madhya Pradesh during 1996-97;

(b) in what way it compares with the position at the country level; and